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In re the Application of: **HASHIMOTO, Hiroshi et al.**

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For: **A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND FABRICATION PROCESS HAVING COMPENSATED STRUCTURES TO REDUCE MANUFACTURING DEFECTS (as amended)**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 31, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 2, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: